

Hillcrest POA Minutes | May 23, 2021

In our spring HOA meeting at Hillcrest Park, 17 homeowners were in attendance. Mark Walters, the current President, started the meeting with introductions of all in attendance.

Budget:

Liz Ruggles read the current Annual Budget for 2021. Out of the anticipated \$5250.00 in HOA dues, \$3647.50 have been paid. If you have not paid, please visit the following website to pay your dues online: www.hillcrestpoa.com.

HILLCREST PROPERTY OWNERS, LTD. | Durango, Colorado | 2021 Budget

	2021 Budget	YTD (5/22/2021)	Variance
INCOME:			
Annual Dues	\$5,250.00	\$3,647.50	(\$1,602.50)
Interest on Savings	\$25.00	\$3.74	(\$21.26)
Total Income	\$5,275.00	\$3,651.24	(\$1,623.76)
EXPENSES:			
Colorado Secretary of State	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
Liability Insurance	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	(\$1,300.00)
Office Expenses - Stamps	\$200.00	\$181.42	(\$18.58)
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$250.00	\$201.00	(\$49.00)
Landscaping Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$351.00	(\$2,149.00)
Treasurer Compensation	\$600.00	\$0.00	(\$600.00)
Snow Removal Expense	\$300.00	\$0.00	(\$300.00)
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Bank Service Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$5,260.00	\$763.42	(\$4,496.58)
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$15.00	\$2,887.82	\$2,872.82
Current Balances (4/30/21)			
Checking:	\$3786.97		
Savings:	\$14194.08		
Architectural Review Savings:	\$987.43		

Submitted by Kelly Ritter, Treasurer. Annual dues budget will vary given the number of members switching to paying online and subtraction of online payment fees.

Landscaping Committee Report:

Hildreth Coop reported on the latest Landscaping Committee updates. Of the \$2500 allocated for landscaping, \$351 has been spent for weeding at the entrance of Hillcrest Estates. Discussion of hiring someone to repair and paint the entrance sign continues. AJ a homeowner expressed interest in doing this has not had the time as of yet. Mark Walters the current president suggested solar light be installed to highlight the sign at night. All attendees were in agreement that money from the landscaping committee could pay for this.

The replacement of dead trees in the parkway continues to be a concern. There was discussion of providing incentive money to the homeowner of \$100 to replace the dead tree after the city removes one on their property. As long as that homeowner has paid the HOA dues, the money would be allocated after 6 months of having the new tree in place to insure that proper watering will help the tree thrive. If the tree is dead after 6 months, the HOA would not reimburse the \$100. Those in attendance unanimously agreed to allocate \$100 to the first 10 homeowners who are willing to replace a dead tree that the city has cut down. First come first served. This is considered a pilot program for this year.

To all homeowners, please remove Russian Olive shrubs from your property as they are non-native plants and have dangerous thorns.

There was discussion about how to encourage homeowners to weed the sidewalk strips that border their property. One idea was to have a letter from the HOA board sent to the homeowner advising them of proper upkeep on weeding.

Architectural Review Committee Report:

Greg Phillips reported on the latest developments. The open lot at the end of Hillcrest Ave. is in the process of being split between the adjacent homeowners, so that the lot would not be developed. Currently there is a path on that lot that leads down to Jenkins Ranch.

There is a new home being built on Hillcrest near the intersection of Lewis Mountain Lane. The project plans were already approved by the Architectural Review Committee. In a related issue, the topic of a newly installed sidewalk on the east side of Goeglein Road came up. It appears that when the Hillcrest neighborhood was originally developed, the City of Durango agreed to build a sidewalk in that location down to the entrance of Skyridge. Since this has not happened, the attendees agreed that the HOA board should send a letter to the City alerting them to the ADA requirements once the new home is completed.

With regard to the playground updates to Hillcrest Park, Kelly Ritter attended the City Council meeting this past winter. No new information at this time.

Open discussion items:

The speed limit in the neighborhood is 25 mph. The city has posted a speed reader on Hillcrest during certain days of the week as a reminder to slow down.

We remind all homeowners to set the recycle bin and garbage bins in the morning of pickup since there has been a bear incident at night in an accidentally opened garage and a mountain lion was spotted on a security video of a homeowner.

We also remind everyone to not feed the deer.

There was discussion about the responsibility of fire mitigation. It is the individual homeowner to address the removal of dead trees and shrubs on their property. Some insurance companies offer free riders on homeowners insurance to cover the cost of fire mitigation.

Voting for new officers:

Mark Walters has stepped down from his duties as HOA President. A motion to elect was brought up and seconded to elect John Ritter as President. Votes were unanimous.

Emily Ter Maat has also stepped down as Secretary/Treasurer. A motion to elect a separate position of Secretary was brought up and seconded to elect Liz Ruggles. Votes were unanimous.

The position of Treasurer continues to be Kelly Ritter who will work on a \$600 annual retainer for the HOA. Votes were unanimous.

Patti Salomon has volunteered to be on the Architectural Review Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Ruggles
HOA Secretary